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## *Foreword*

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*N*O student or interested lay-reader will deny that it is time for a new history of the State of Washington which, in its treatment of early days, will take advantage of the important material, in the form of journals of travel and pioneer biographies, that has recently been brought to light; which will bring the chronicle of the State up to the present; which will impartially treat of each geographical section of the State; which will relate its development to the development of the Nation and show in particular the growth of economic, political and cultural activities within its boundaries.

The difficulties to be overcome in writing such a history are manifold. Many important events are contradictorily reported: the truth is confused and hard to uncover. While the total history of the State covers hundreds of years, its "modern" phase is relatively brief; events and their emotional tone are practically contemporary, some of the men who took major parts in them being still alive; consequently, the selection of detail and accent involves the danger of false emphasis. Probably no other state so intimately exemplifies the history of the Nation and yet remains so individual; the mass of material which constitutes its record is one of the most interesting and not the least part of the national chronicle, and must be treated from both the local and national viewpoint.





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## THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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To meet these conditions, this history is written in "parts." The first sets the historical and geographical stage. The second brings the actors onto the stage and displays their drama up to the time that Washington Territory became Washington State. The third traces the broad movement of life, the growth and spread of population and the development of natural resources, up to the present. The final section consists of topical histories in which the many industrial, business and cultural activities of the commonwealth are treated in particular detail. This plan will, it is hoped, in the straightforward narrative of the first sections, afford an understanding of the State's general historical development; and in the last part supply much detailed information without confusing the reader's grasp of the inclusive line of growth.

This book is strictly historical: no opinions will be expressed, except as they relate to plain fact; no side will be taken in arguments yet alive, but pure impartiality will be so far as possible preserved; and every part of the State and every period will be treated in proportion to their historical importance. We shall endeavor "To pick out what is most worthy to be known . . . what is most likely to be true."

While the causes and consequences of events must comprise the bulk of any history, the men who initiated and carried through those events deserve and in this book are given special attention. They personalize and interpret the past. They tutor the present. Montaigne, an avaricious reader of them, discovered their best truth when he wrote: "Through the medium of histories one holds converse with the great souls . . . it is a study of inestimable fruit."

THE EDITORS



## *Publishers' Announcement*

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THE Foreword of the author of "A History of the State of Washington" outlines a breadth and method of literary treatment that promises an absorbingly interesting narrative. With the support of the individuals named on the Editorial Advisory Board, and the co-operation of the citizenship of the State, the result should be a work that will set a standard in its field. At this juncture the publishers add a word of assurance that their responsibilities in the production of the volumes will be discharged in the spirit of the author and contributors, to the end that the story shall be told and presented to its readers in a manner altogether fitting.

"A History of the State of Washington" is to be embodied in four royal octavo volumes, printed on fine book paper, durably and attractively bound, and, in addition to the history by Mr. Spencer, will include a valuable biographical compendium. The edition will be limited and delivery will be made within a reasonable period, dependent upon the time required for assembling the material. Patronage will be based upon this prospectus and orders will not be subject to cancellation, as the publication of the work is predicated on the support thus assured.

No effort will be spared to make the present work one unsurpassed in local historical literature.

THE PUBLISHERS





## *Concerning the Editor-in-Chief*

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THE large following which Lloyd Spencer has attracted through newspaper work and the radio will be gratified that his broad cultural background, wide acquaintance, and keen grasp of trends and events are to be focused upon the history of the State of Washington. For such a work practically his whole career has been preparation,—his military service, extensive travel, newspaper life, radio connections, and Chamber of Commerce activity, as well as his leading part in advertising, a part which took him to the Presidency of the Pacific Coast Advertising Clubs Association and the Presidency of the Seattle Advertising Club. There are thousands of Washingtonians whose opinions of men, policies, and happenings, have been influenced by his writings; there are more who owe information and enjoyment to his voice as it is broadcast regularly over the air; there are still many others to whom his name has been an attraction as a speaker on lecture platform, in church, lodge, or club. That the years of study, observation, research and experience which are responsible for this standing and popularity are to be directed toward the writing of “A History of the State of Washington” is assurance that a valuable modern history—thorough, complete, accurate, and entirely readable—will result.

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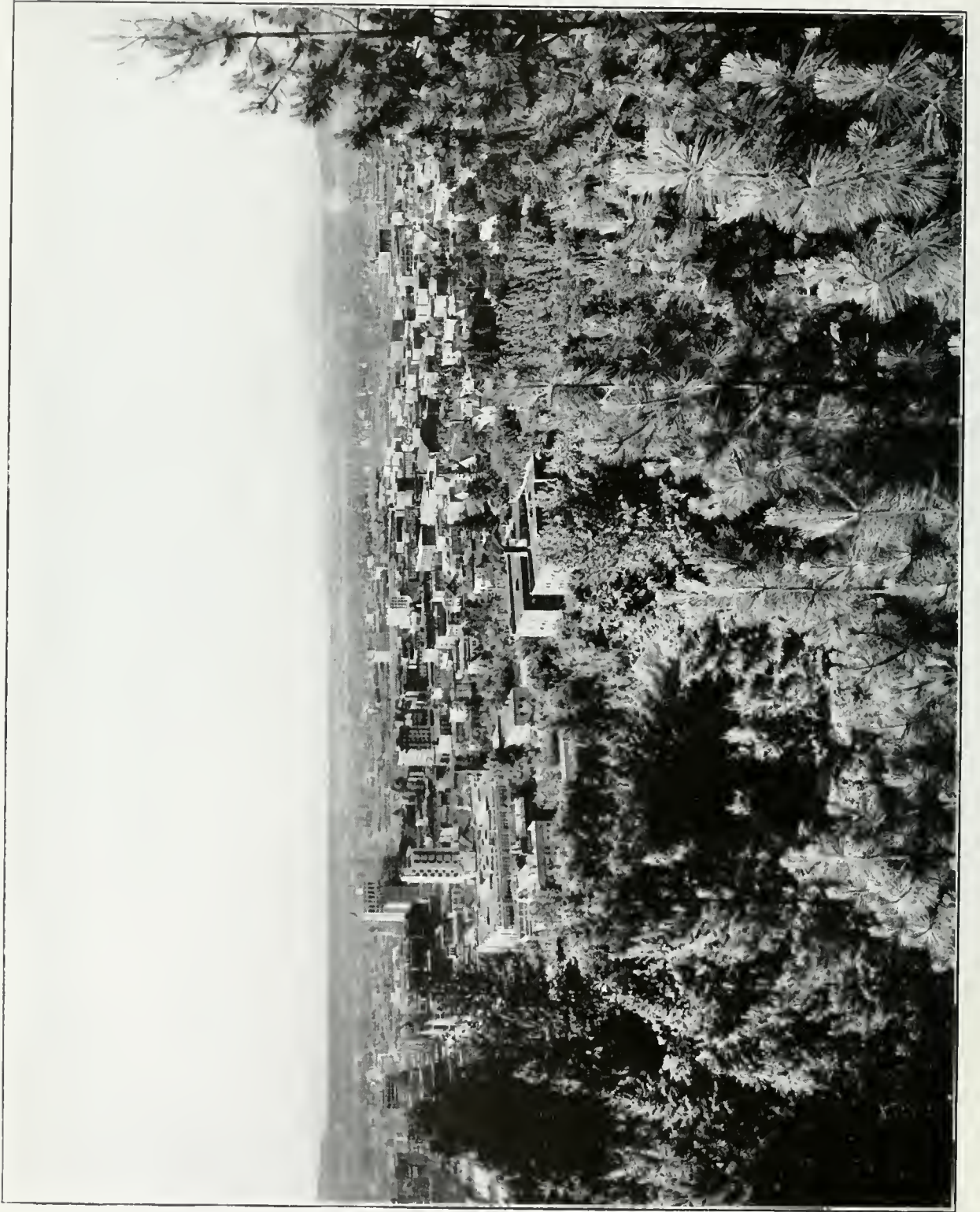
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STATE CAPITOL, OLYMPIA



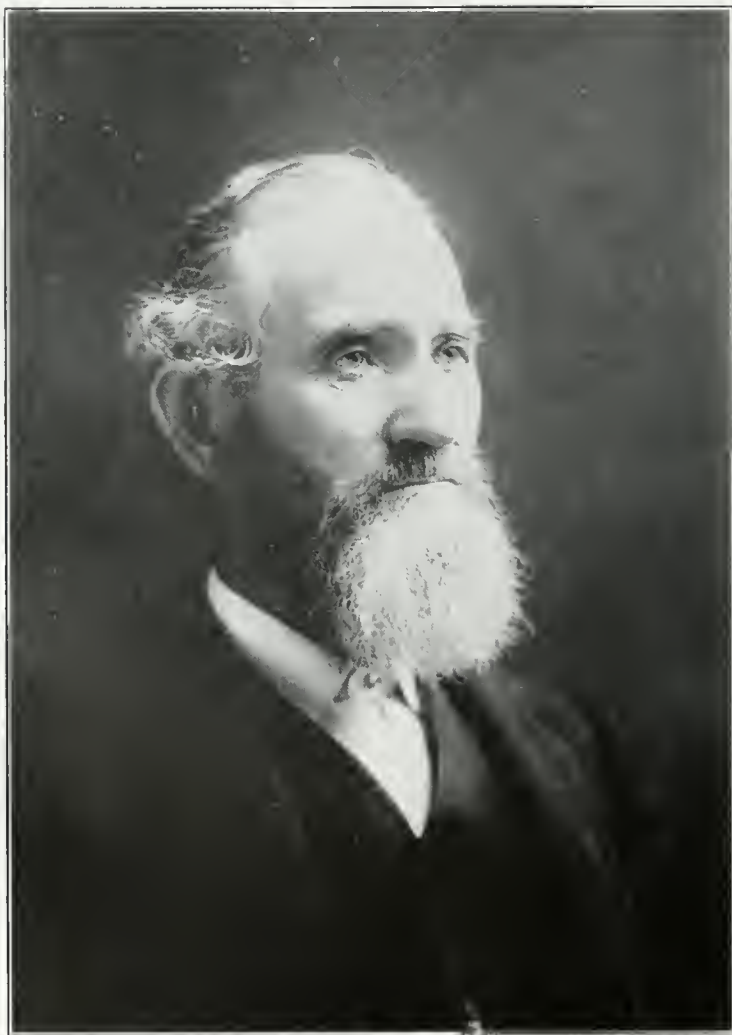


SPOKANE



FATHER DE SMET  
Showing the Leopold decoration





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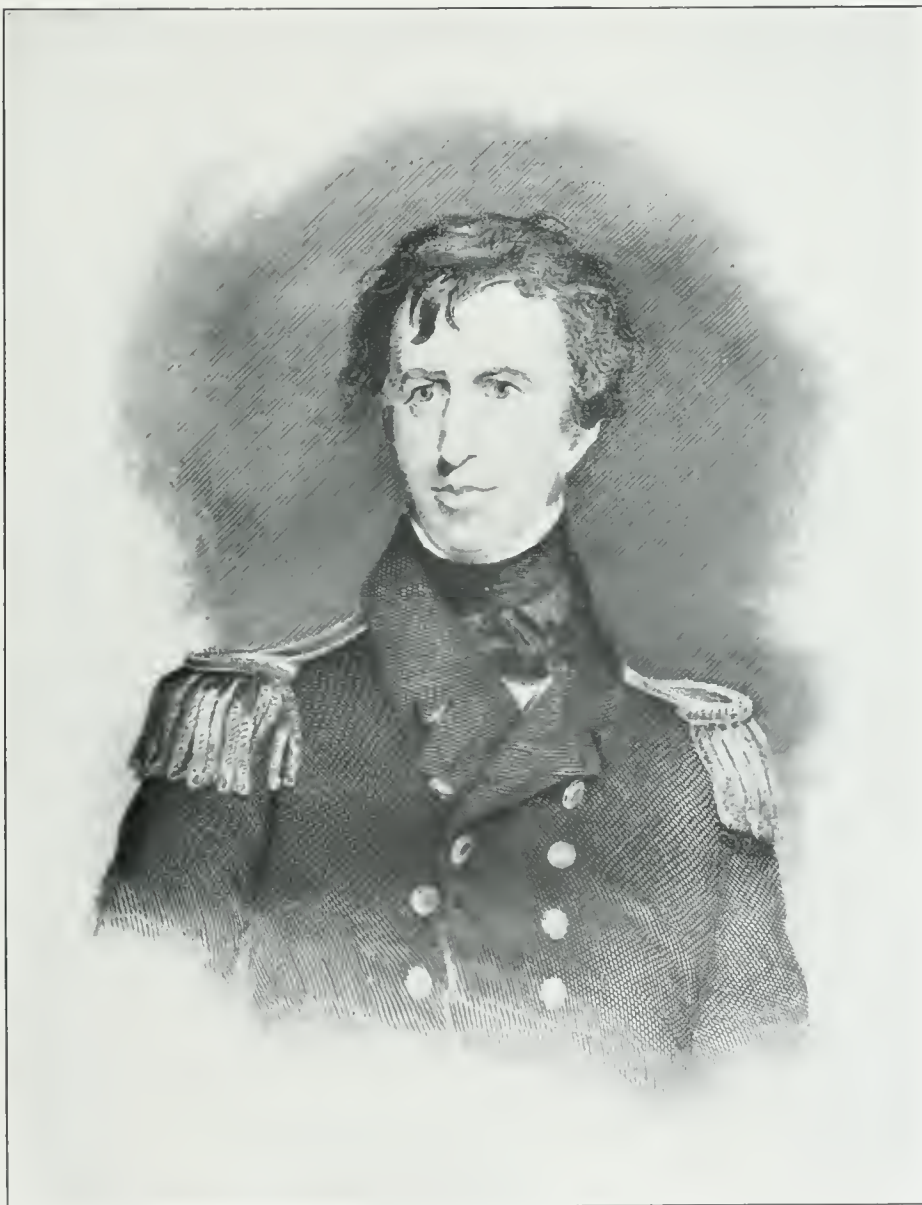


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Early missionary at Walla Walla

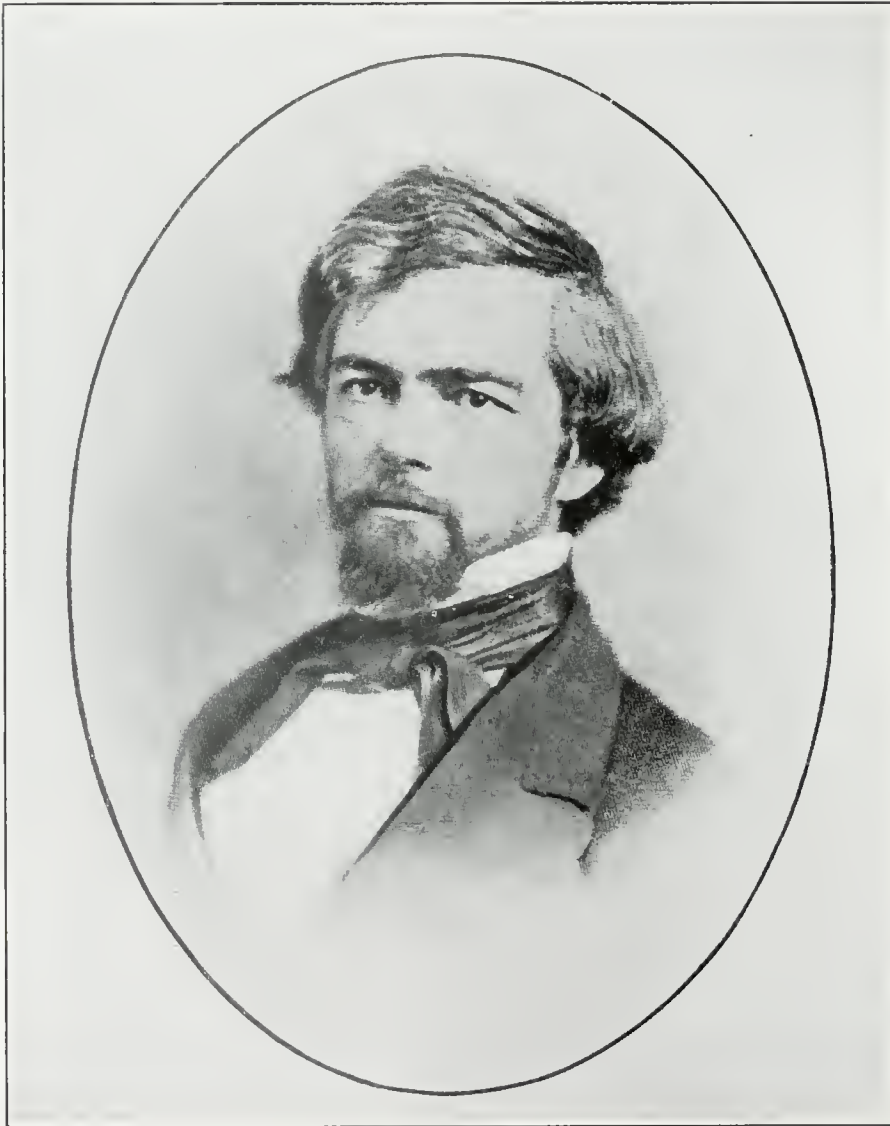


CAPTAIN B. L. E. BONNEVILLE  
At Fort Walla Walla, 1832





COMMANDER CHARLES WILKES  
Who came to the Northwest in 1841 with the U. S. Navy



ISAAC I. STEVENS  
First Governor of Washington Territory



GENERAL M. M. MCCARVER  
Founder of Tacoma, 1868



LOGGING SCENE NEAR EDGECOMB, 1892



MISSION STREET AT 15TH (CLINTON) STREET, WHATCOM  
Buildings in the foreground were destroyed by the fire of 1885





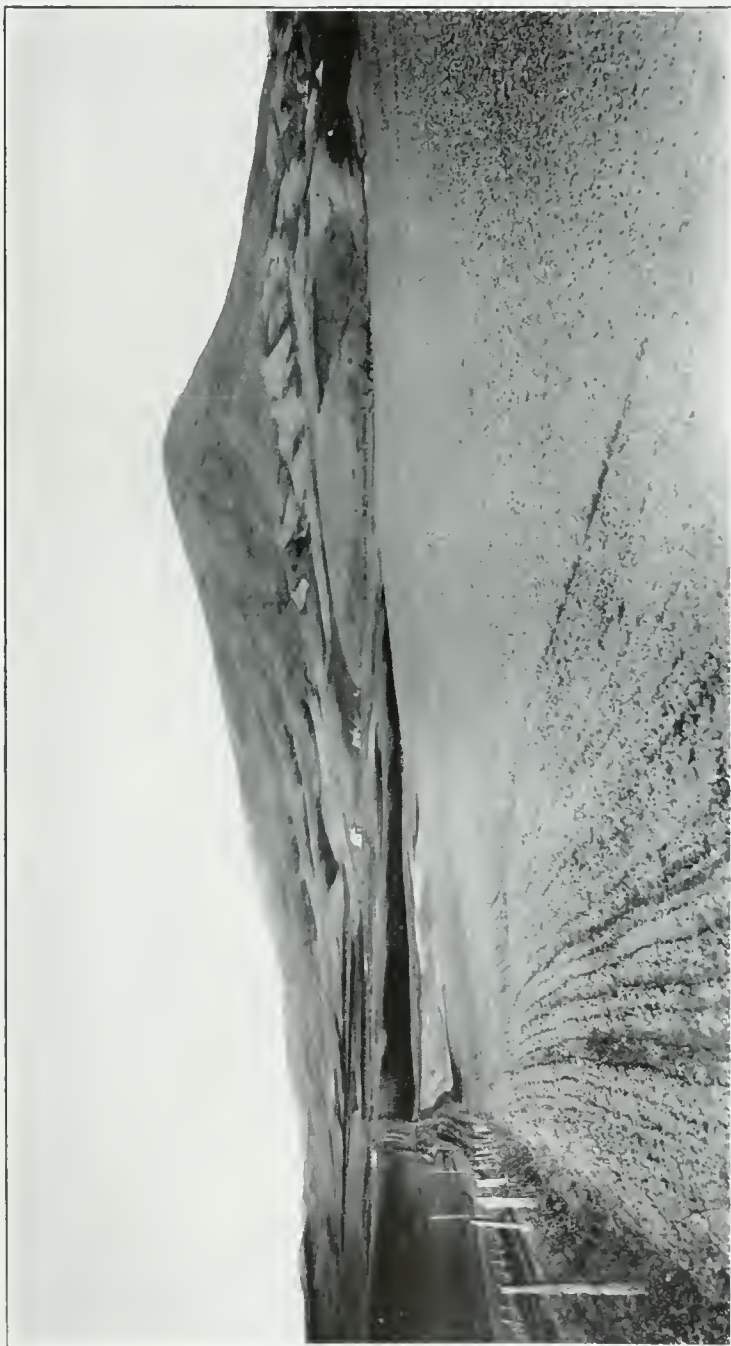
ELISHA P. FERRY  
First Governor of Washington



LOOKING SOUTHWEST FROM GRAND AND CALIFORNIA STREETS, EVERETT  
1892



VIEW OF HEWITT AVENUE, EVERETT  
Looking West from Swalwell's Wharf, 1892



STEPTOE BUTTE, NEAR SPOKANE  
Where Colonel Steptoe held off the Palouse Indians in the outbreak of 1858



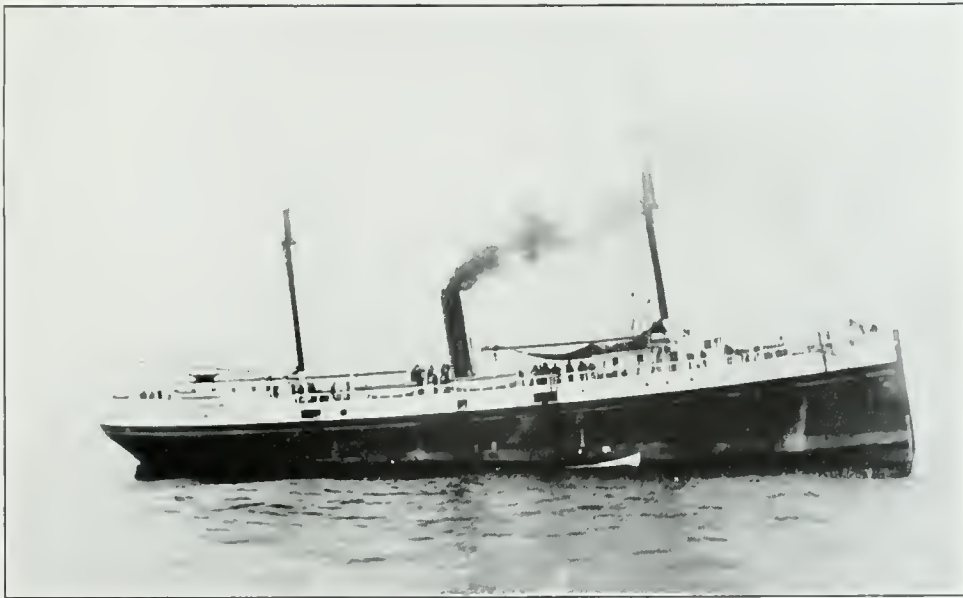


LIEUTENANT AND MRS WILLIAM A SLAUGHTER



FIRST SNOHOMISH COUNTY LOCOMOTIVE, 1876  
Note wooden rails





S. S. "PORTLAND" ARRIVING IN THE STRAITS, JULY 17, 1897  
With a ton of gold from the Klondike



S. S. "BEAVER"  
First steamship in Pacific waters



GRIST MILL BUILT AT SOURCE OF CHAMBERS CREEK (STEILACOOM RIVER), WHERE IT  
LEAVES STEILACOOM LAKE

Built in 1857 by Andrew and Preston Byrd, sons of Adam Byrd, who crossed the plains in 1852 and died  
April 26, 1853, at Chambers Mill, near the mouth of Chambers Creek

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ARLINGTON  
About 1891



INDIAN SWEAT-HOUSE, YAKIMA VALLEY



COLUMBIA RIVER AT THE NORTH END OF GRAND COULEE  
Location of the Grand Coulee Dam





CAMP MONTGOMERY

Used as a supply station and guard house during Indian war of 1855-56. Judge Lander was held as prisoner here during time of martial law in Pierce County by order of Governor Stevens. The late Harvey Scott, for many years Editor of the "Oregonian," was guard over Judge Lander.



PUYALLUP SCHOOL, 1885



ROLAND DENNY AND E. S. MEANY

With the columns from the old university on the present campus. Roland Denny is the sole survivor of the original band which landed at Alkie on November 13, 1852



SPOKANE HOUSE

Built in 1810 by Finan McDonald, of the North West Company





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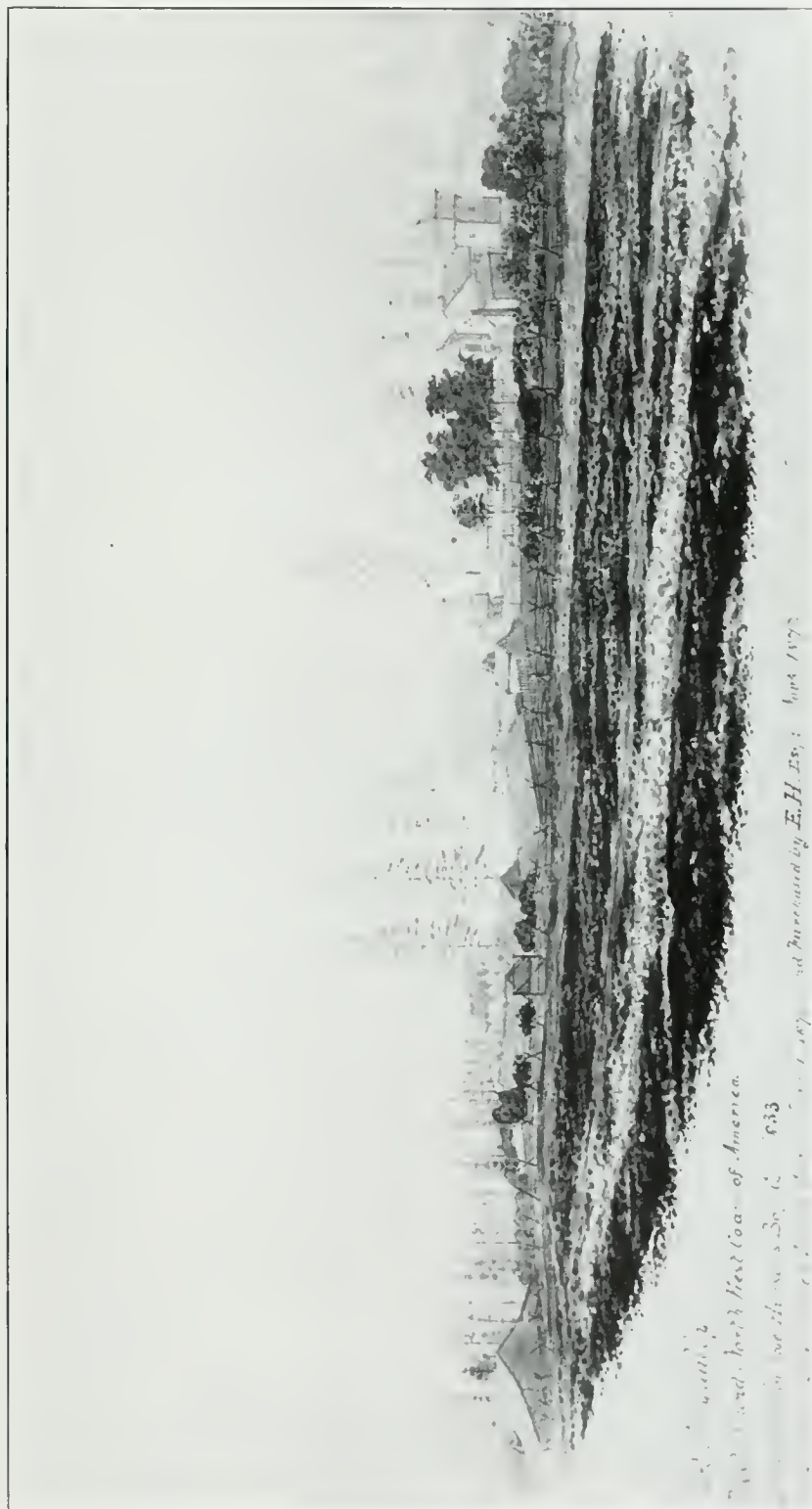


BLOCKHOUSE ON WHIDBY ISLAND  
Built during the Indian War of 1855



FORT SAN JUAN, SAN JUAN ISLAND





FORT NISQUALLY



BATTLE OF SEATTLE  
"Decatur" in the background





THE FACTOR'S HOME AT FORT NISQUALLY



FORT NISQUALLY



IRRIGATED APPLE ORCHARD IN FULL BLOOM



SUNNYSIDE CANAL

Irrigating 125,000 acres; the beginning of irrigation on a large scale in the Yakima Valley





#### EARLY VIEW OF C STREET, TACOMA

Looking north from about Tenth Street and showing the office of "The Ledger," the old Courthouse, the Tacoma Land Company, the Congregational Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church

*Photographed from the original by courtesy of the Washington State Historical Society*



#### TACOMA ABOUT 1880

The white house standing alone in the background was the home of O'is Sprague and the site is now occupied by the Tacoma Hotel

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OLD BELLINGHAM'S FIRST POST OFFICE, 1884  
 Photographed in 1903



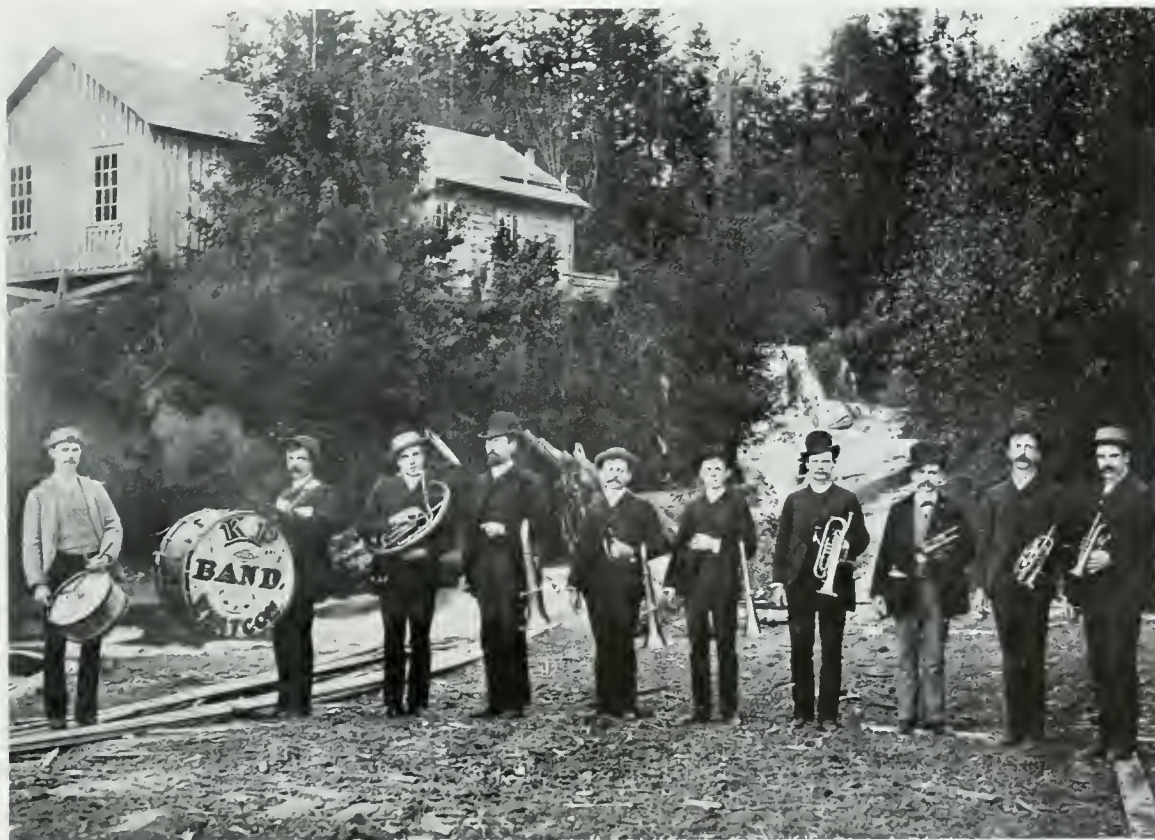
CHUCKANUT DRIVE, BELLINGHAM  
 Carved in the mountain's side

*Clyde Banks*





WASHINGTON COLONY MILL  
Built by the Kansas Colony. Beginning of modern industry in Bellingham, 1883



FIRST BAND OF WHATCOM, 1884  
Whatcom Falls in rear. Site of first sawmill in Northern Washington



VIEW FROM PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL, EVERETT, 1892  
Looking Northeast



FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NEAR MAPLE AND HEWITT, EVERETT, 1892





MISSION ESTABLISHED BY THE OBLATE CATHOLIC FATHERS IN 1847  
On the banks of Ahtanum Creek in the Yakima Valley



STATE CAPITOL, OLYMPIA, IN 1902



FORT OKANOGAN, AT THE JUNCTION OF THE OKANOGAN AND COLUMBIA RIVERS  
Founded in September, 1811, as a trading post



DRY FALLS STATE PARK, GRAND COULEE



YAKIMA AVENUE, YAKIMA, IN 1908



THE SAME LOCATION IN 1933

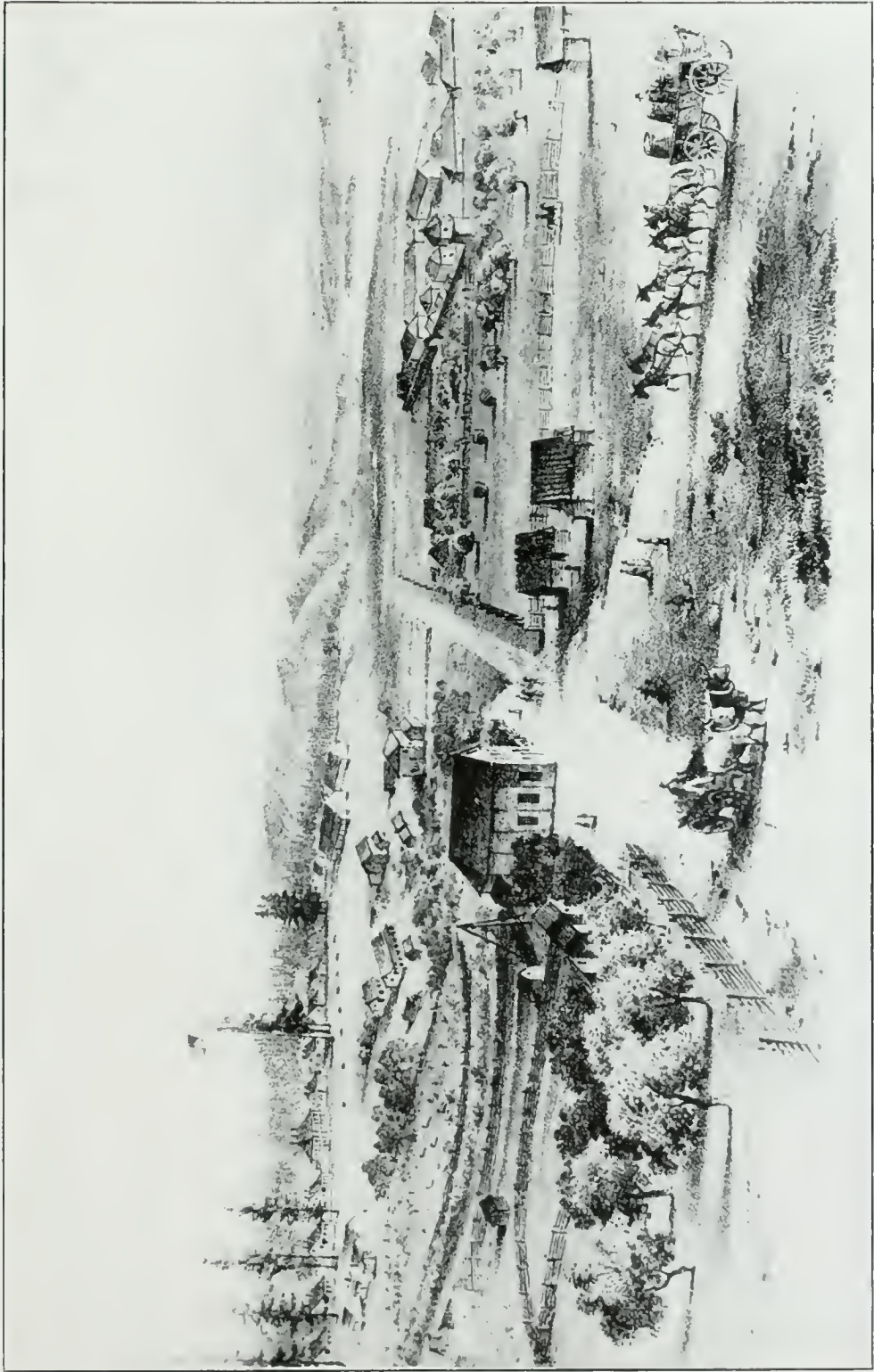




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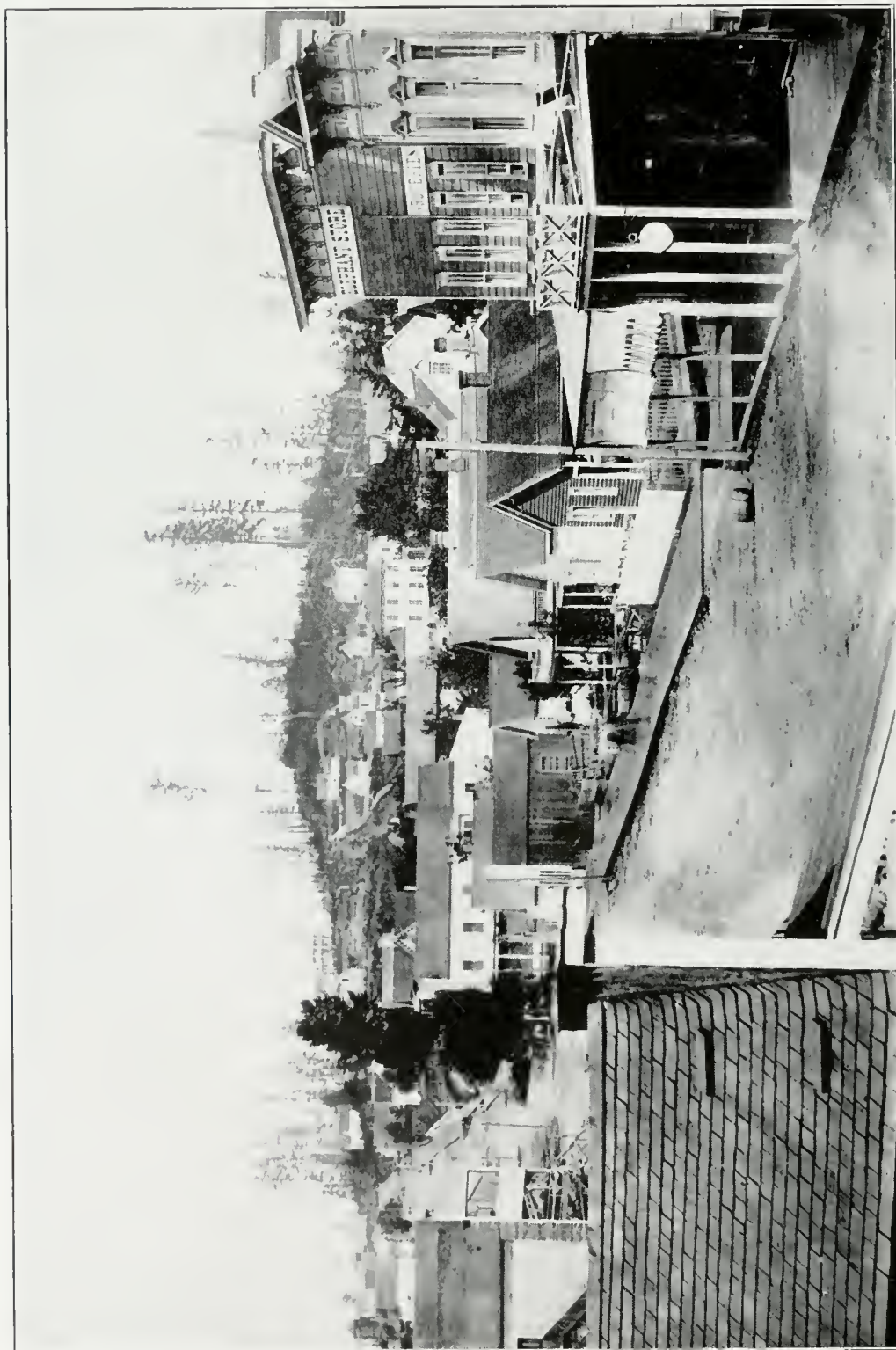


COMBINE HARVESTING WHEAT  
In the Big Bend near Spokane



FORT VANCOUVER





COMMERCIAL STREET, SEATTLE, ABOUT 1860



REGRADE OF DENNY HILL AND DEMOLITION OF WASHINGTON HOTEL



FIRST AVENUE AND MARION STREET, SEATTLE  
The ship in the background was used as a store by J. M. C. Brown





THE ORIGINAL UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON



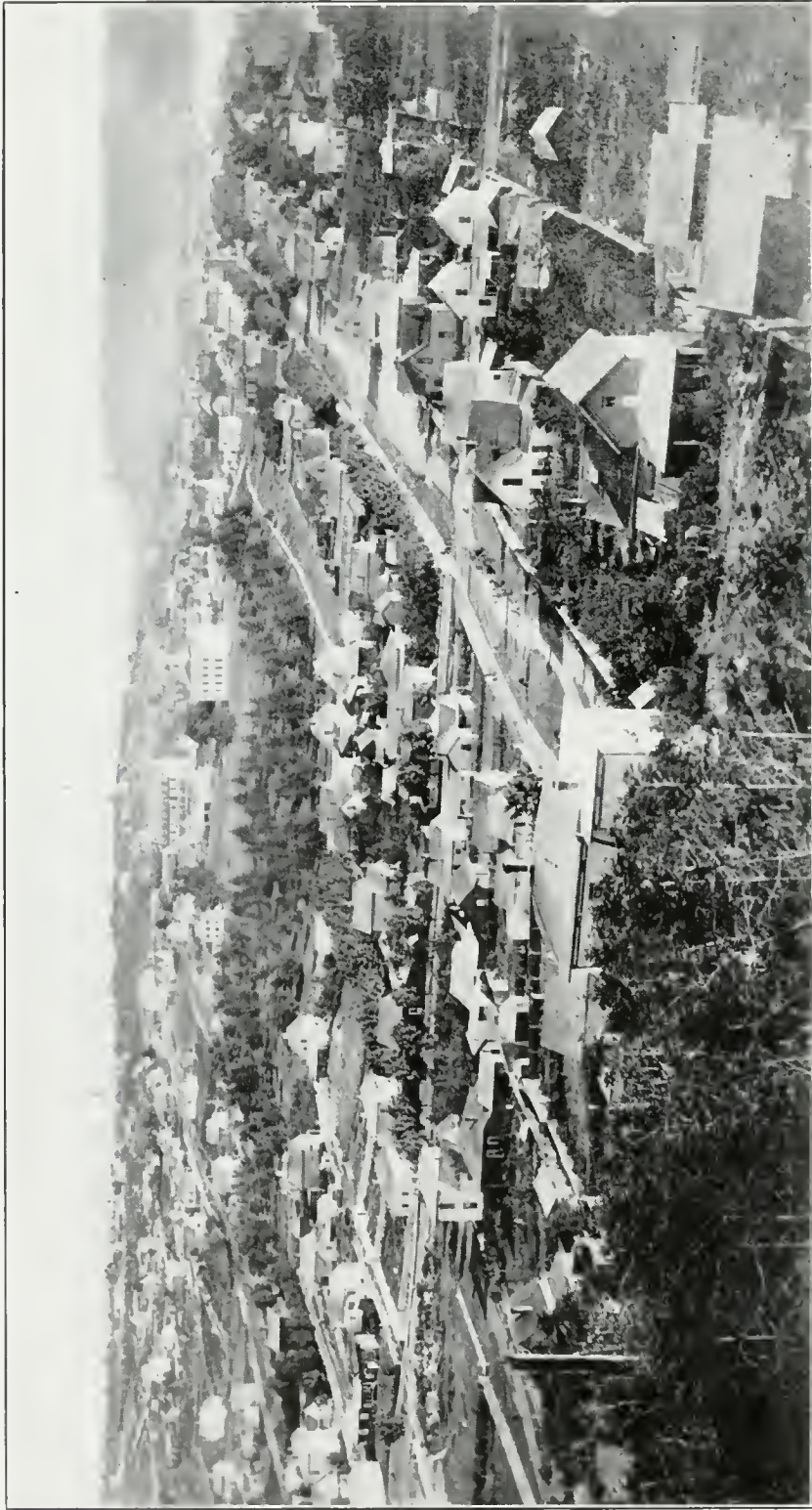
JACKSON HOME

On the Pacific Highway south of Chehalis, built by John R. Jackson in 1847, now a State park

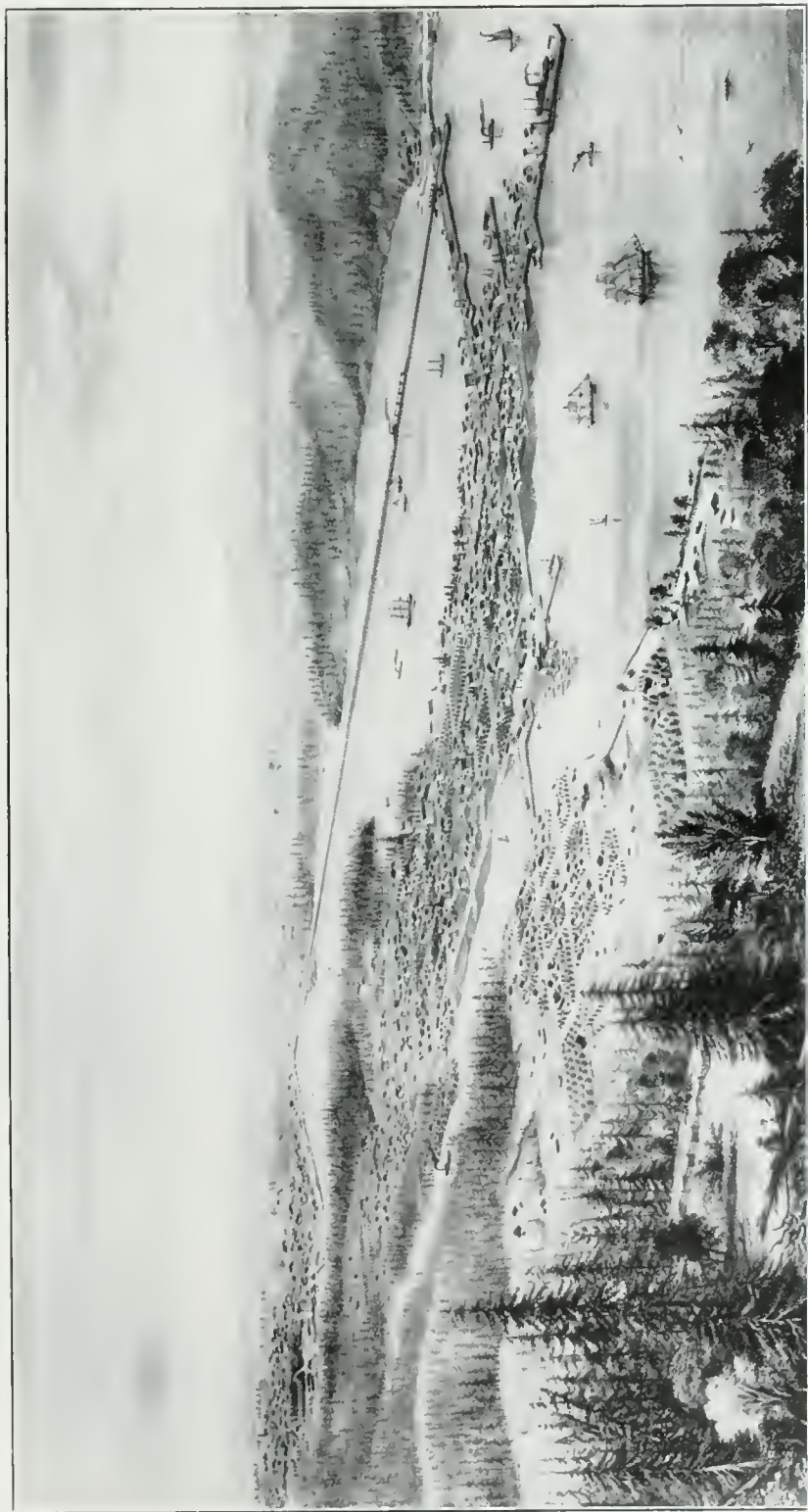


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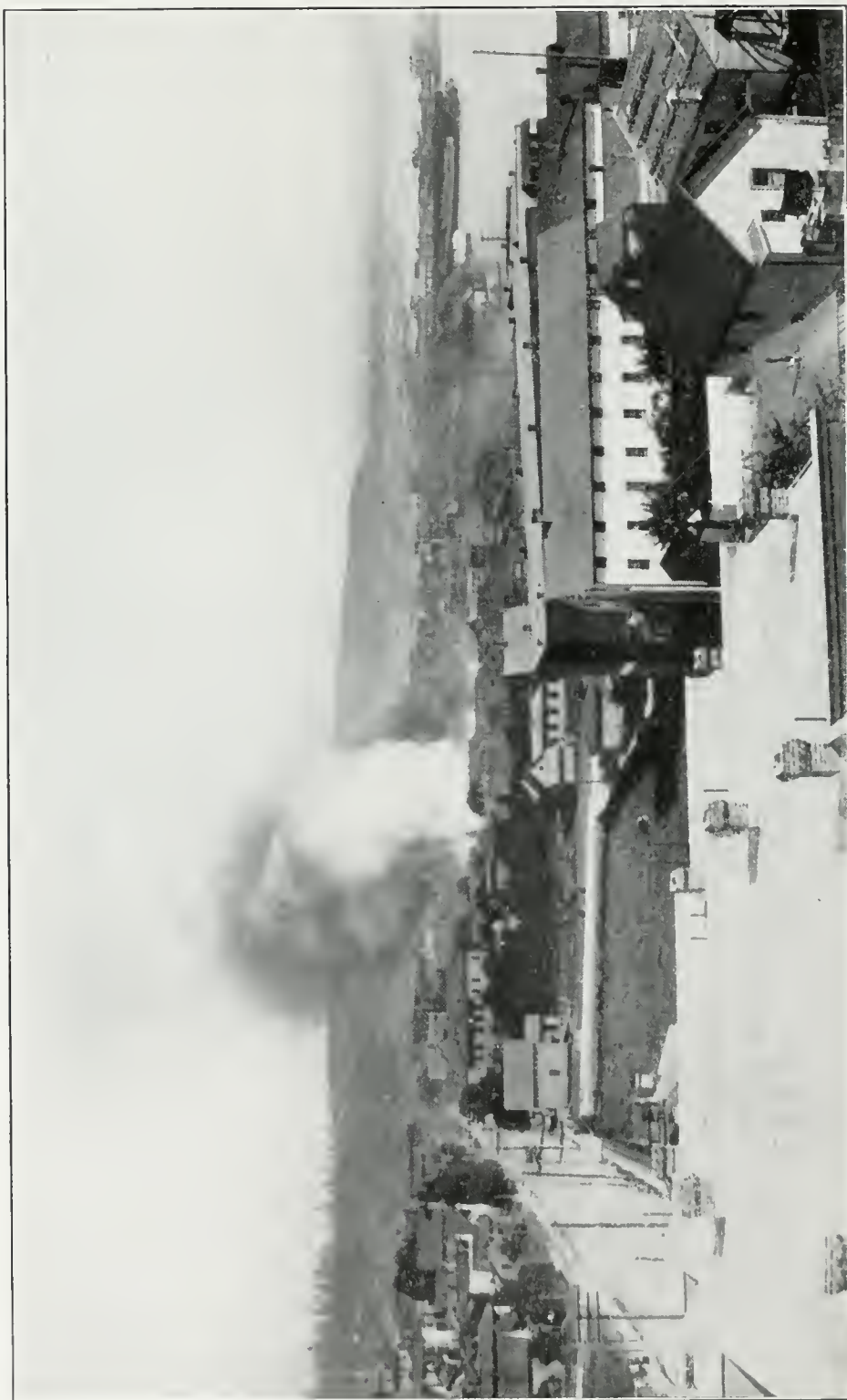




SEATTLE ABOUT 1868  
With the University of Washington in the central part



OLYMPIA IN 1879

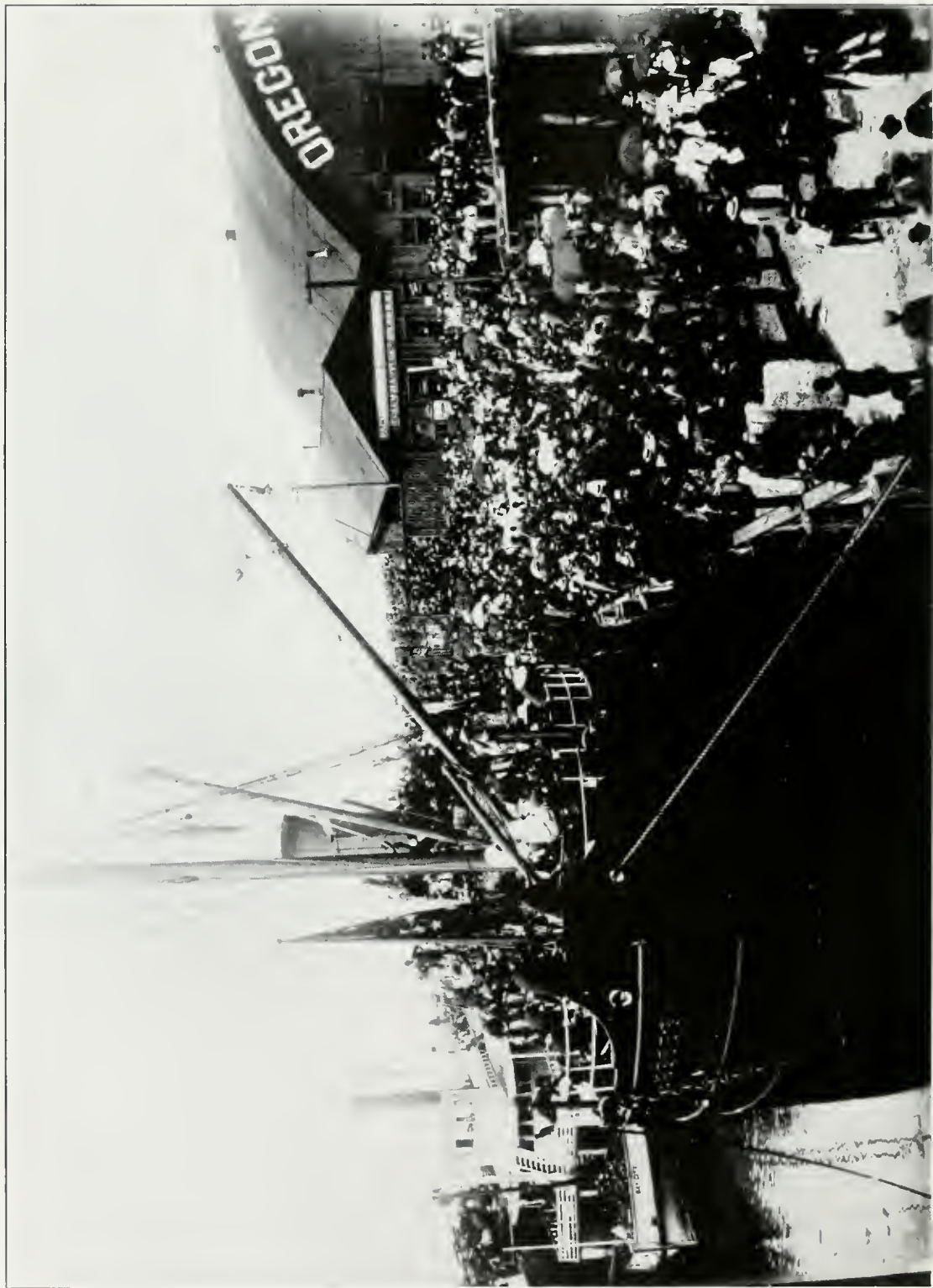


THE START OF THE BIG FIRE, JUNE 6, 1889





SEATTLE AFTER THE FIRE

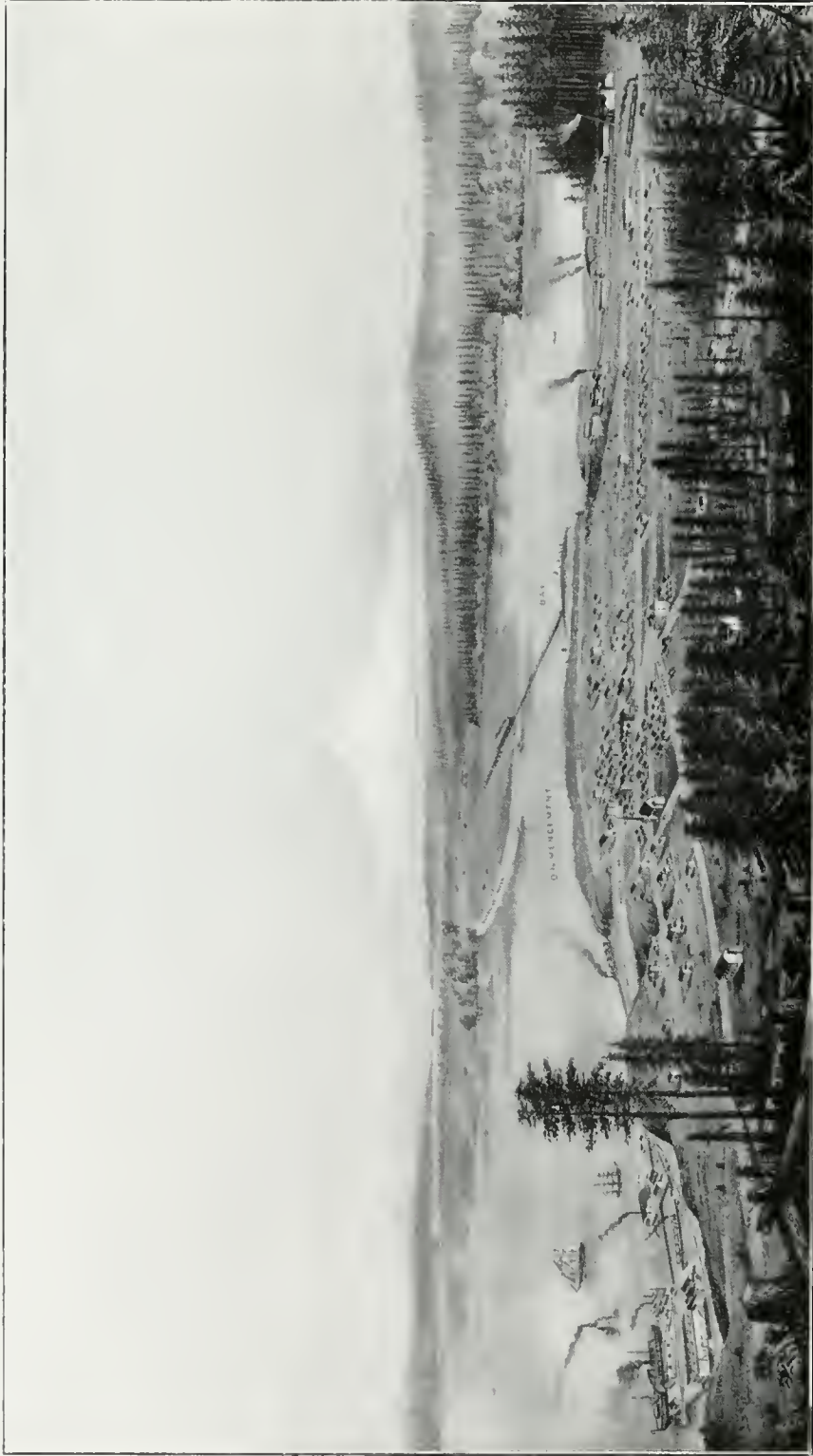


THE GOLD RUSH OF 1897—THE "WILLAMETTE" READY TO LEAVE SEATTLE





BUSINESS DISTRICT OF TACOMA WITH ITS SCENIC BACKGROUND



OLD VIEW OF TACOMA

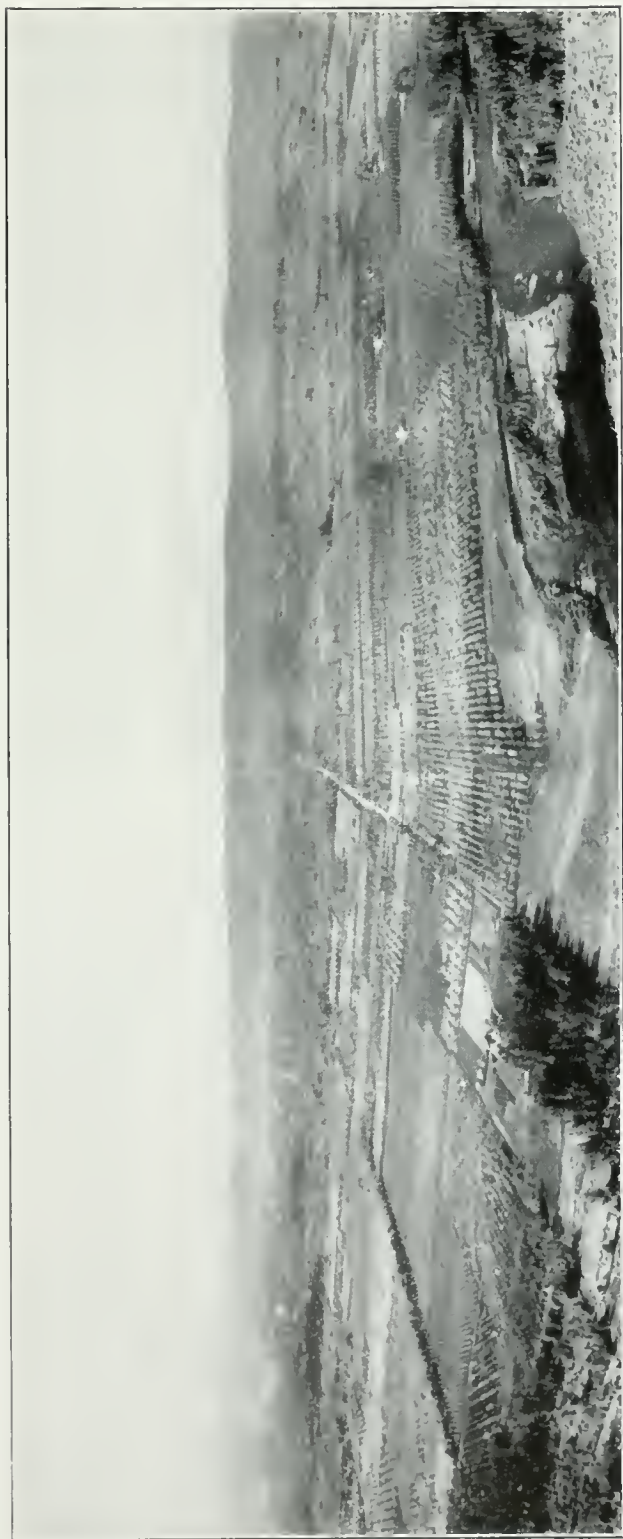




WENATCHEE VALLEY IN BLOSSOM TIME  
This was originally all sage-brush



YAKIMA VALLEY, 1907



YAKIMA VALLEY, 1932

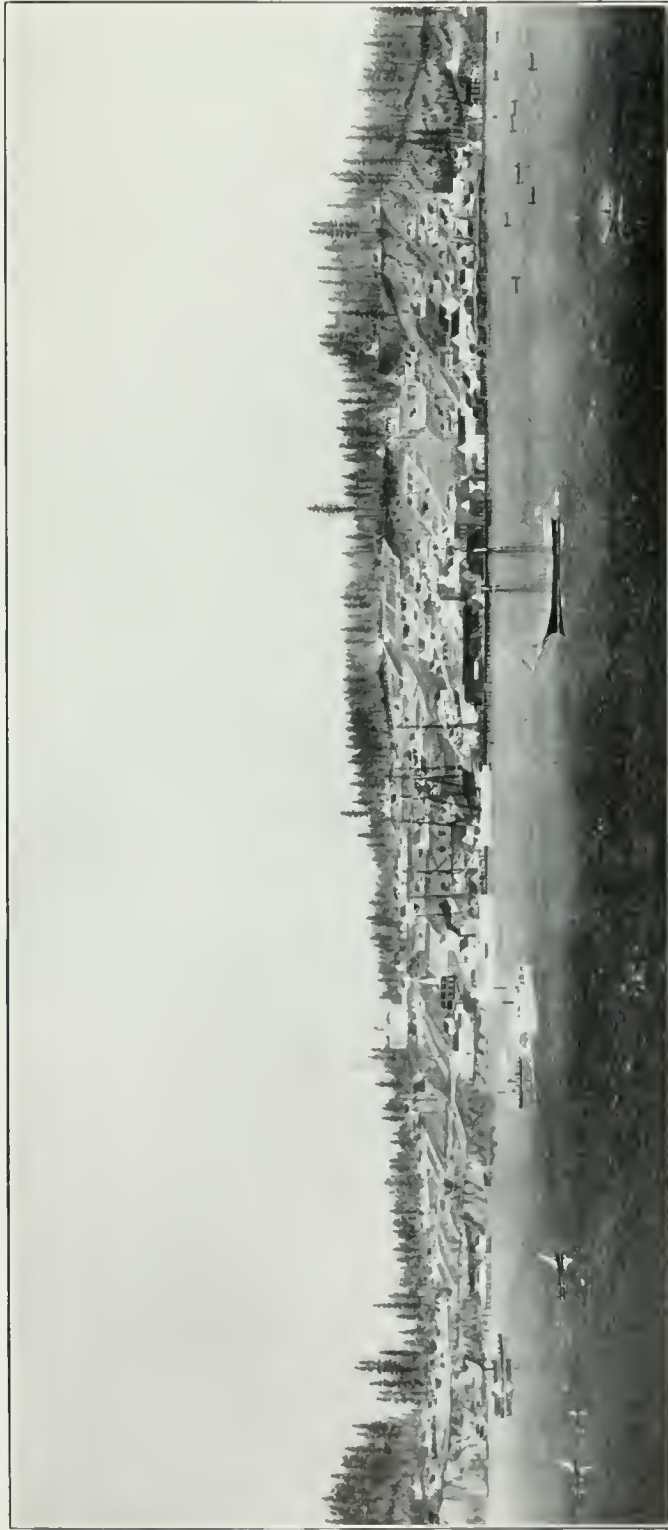
This Valley produced a tonnage of 55,000 cars in 1928. In 1900 there was practically no production





SEATTLE ABOUT 1872





SEATTLE FROM THE WATER-FRONT ABOUT 1870  
From an early painting.

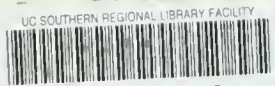


PORT BLAKELEY ABOUT 1895



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